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#### **PATENT**

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent application of: Michael W. Bugbee, Mark G. Crawford, and Alfred D. Commins

for Screw Fastener in Multi-Ply Wood Structure Shear Connection, the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.



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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

- 1. **Preliminary Statements**
- 2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
- 3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
- 4. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

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The persons making this certification are:

a. the inventor who signs below.

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b. the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37

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